nics Test and Development Centre is at Bhubaneshwar Government is providing assistance to various institutions to enlarge the manpower base especially in the area of information technology in Orissa.

Statement

The following specific policy measures were taken in recent past to strengthen the electronic industry in the country:—

(a) For a number of categories, "broad-based" licences are issued.

(b) The Electronic components industry has been delicensed.

(c) The import of technology and foreign collaboration are permitted in all areas of electronics. Units having foreign equity less than 40 per cent allowed in all areas.

(d) Development of small scale industry is being particularly encouraged. Approvals for a number of items have been decentralised to the level of State Directorate Industries. Investment limit for this sector has been revised to Rs. 35 lakhs and that for ancillary units to Rs. 45 lakhs.

(e) In order to achieve economies of scale in certain key areas certain components which were reserved for small scale sector have been dereserved.

(f) In almost all areas of electronic, excluding consumer electronics, MRTP companies have been exempt from clearance under Sections 21 and 22 of MRTP Act.

(g) The private sector units are permitted to manufacture telephones, EPABX teleprinters, facsimile equipment, data communication terminals, etc. Other telecommunication items can also be taken up by the private sector with Central/State Government participation of at least 51 per cent equity shares.

(h) For computer industry the emphasis is on the manufacture of computers based on latest technology at prices comparable with international level and progressively increasing indigenisation consistent with economic viability.

(i) A new software policy has been announced to encourage production and export of software.

(j) Import duty on raw materials, components and capital equipment has been reduced. For component industry, the duty on raw materials, parts & semi-finished goods have been rationalised.

(k) The import policy has been rationalised with a view to increase production.

(l) Government is promoting appropriate applications of electronics to improve productivity, quality, safety and quality of services.

Setting up of electronic industry in Orissa

1542. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up some electronic industry in Orissa during the current financial year;

(b) if so, the names of the places identified for the location of electronic units;

(c) whether Government have a proposal to set up any such electronic unit in Phulbani district in Orissa; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS, AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) It is proposed to set up a Software Technology Park at Bhubaneswar. A LSI/VLSI Design Centre is also being set up at Bhubaneswar.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Per capita income of States

1543. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the per capita income of all the States and Union Territories in 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985 and 1988 at 1970-71 price;

(b) the index of industrial and agricultural production separately with 1970-71 as the base for all the States during the same period; and

(c) whether their has been a regional variance indicating an imbalance in development; if so, the details thereof and corrective steps taken?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) A statement giving the detail of Per Capita Net State Domestic Product (NSDP) at Constant Prices (1970-71) is enclosed [*See* Appendix CLI, Annexure No. 99].

(b) State-wise indices of net output of agriculture and manufacturing (based on their contribution to NSDP) with 1970-71 as the base, are presented in Statements 2 and 3 respectively [*See* Appendix CLI, Annexure No. 100]. The same are not available for 1988.

(c) Regional disparity in per capita net State Domestic Product (NSDP) has tended to persist over the years, in spite of the fact that there has been a growth in the real per capita NSDP even in case of the poorest of the poor States.

The Central Government have taken several steps to improve the position of such States. The important measures among these are given below:—

(i) Transfer of resources from the Central Government to the State Governments for meeting their plan expenditure according to a formula which is weighed in favour of the backward States whose per capita income is below the national average.

(ii) Devolution of non-plan resources which favours the backward States and seeks to reduce disparity between the States in addition to covering the revenue gap.

(iii) Providing Special Central Assistance for the development of backward areas in the States such as, hill areas, desert areas, drought prone areas and also areas having concentration of tribal population.

(iv) Providing special incentives in the form of investment subsidy and concessional finance for accelerating the industrial development of the industrially backward regions in the States; and

(v) While making state-wise allocation of resources under poverty alleviation programmes more emphasis is being given to the incidence of poverty during the 7th Plan as compared to that in 6th Plan.

Import of 3rd generation antibiotic drugs

1544. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of 3rd generation antibiotic drugs, imported in finished form, by the multinational drugs companies;

(b) what was the quantity and value of imports of each during the last three years, yearwise;

(c) what is the price at which each of these medicines are being sold at present;

(d) whether it is a fact that the prices of these medicines are very high on account of procurement from their principals;

(e) if so, the names of the each importing Company and what is the source of import and the name of the supplier;

(f) whether it is a fact that Government recommended exemption of customs duty on these medicines; and

(g) if so, the names of the medicines where customs duty was exempted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) Ceftazidime Pentahydrate, a third generation Cephalosporin, is imported in finished form.

(b) There is only import of finished formulation based on Ceftazidime Penta-